

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Atty. Ref.: TYR-P0007
Lodewijk Van Noten et al.)
Application No.: 10/578,239) Group Art Unit: Unknown
I.A. Filing Date: May 4, 2006) Examiner: Unknown
DEVICE FOR INSTALLING AN OPTICAL)
FIBRE IN A SPLICER CONNECTOR) Confirmation No.: 8406

PETITION UNDER 35 U.S.C § 116 AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)
FOR FILING INVENTOR'S DECLARATION ON BEHALF
OF AN INVENTOR WHO REFUSES TO SIGN OR CANNOT BE REACHED

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to accept the attached Declaration. The attached Declaration has been executed by Lodewijk Van Noten, Jan Vanderbroeck, Jan Watte and Jozef Versleegers, all of the joint inventors in the above-referenced application. The attached Declaration has not been executed by Jan Muller, the other joint inventor in the above-referenced application. Jan Muller is unable to execute a Declaration for the above-referenced patent application until after December 15, while this response was only given one month to respond with a due date of December 10, 2008. The inventor in question resides in the Netherlands.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$200.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g) to Baker & Daniels deposit account, account no. 02-0390. If the enclosed fee amount is insufficient, please charge account No. 02-0390, BAKER & DANIELS, for any additional fees.

The facts surrounding the inventor's inability to sign are as follows:

1. Lodewijk Van Noten, Jan Vanderbroeck, Jan Watte and Jozef Versleegers are joint inventors in the above-referenced patent application. Mr. Jan Muller, whose last known address is Bozelinusbocht 28, Bladen, Netherlands 5531 KL, is unable to execute a Declaration for the above-referenced patent application at this time, as mentioned above.
2. Mr. Jan Muller is a former employee of Tyco Electronics UK Ltd. ("Tyco").
3. Mr. Jan Muller was employed by Tyco at the time the invention that is the subject of the above-referenced patent application was made.

4. Mr. Jan Muller is currently on holiday and is unavailable at this time to execute a Declaration.

5. Mr. Jan Muller previously executed an Assignment on May 4, 2006 which has been recorded at Reel /Frame 017891/0616 on May 4, 2006.

6. A Declaration signed by J Lodewijk Van Noten, Jan Vanderbroeck, Jan Watte and Jozef Versleegers, relating to the above-referenced patent application is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The inability of Jan Muller to execute a Declaration for the above-referenced application has been established by the facts as set forth in this Petition. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Commissioner to accept the attached Declaration of Lodewijk Van Noten, Jan Vanderbroeck, Jan Watte and Jozef Versleegers.

If necessary, Applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comment arise during reconsideration of this matter.

If any fees are necessary in connection with this document, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-0390, Baker & Daniels.

Respectfully submitted,

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